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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

C.S.6, Special Branch.

REPORT

File No.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 667
Date June 21, 1940.
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Subject (in full) Soviet Citizen - Arrival of.

Made by D.S. Hocking, Forwarded by Supt. Mason.

Mr. N.I, KOVTUNENKO, citizen of the U.S.S.R., arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong on 17-6-40 aboard the s.s. "Yusang".

D. S. Hocking.
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D.C. (Special Branch).

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Russian detective
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. No. D

Section 2, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date April 15, 1935.

Subject N. I. Kovtunenko, suspected Soviet Agent.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky *Forwarded by* B. B. Everett. DC

With reference to the endorsement of the Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch) on the attached report regarding N. I. Kovtunenko, enquiries show that this individual is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Harbin in order to work among the local White Russians as a Soviet agent-provocateur, i.e. to collect information regarding the anti-Bolshevic activities of Russian organizations and private individuals and instigate the active "White" elements to create incidents with a view to exposing local White Russians to repressions on the part of the authorities. For this purpose Kovtunenko posed as a "White," visited his former friends who had known him as an officer of the "White" Army, visited restaurants etc. frequented by "White" Russians and made an attempt to join the Union of Former Cadets of the Vilno Military School.

D. S. Tcheremshansky

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Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch)

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REPORT

Date March 30, 1935.

Subject N. I. Kovtunenko, suspected Soviet Agent.

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S2, Please explain the line of work on which he is engaged as an agent.

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Information has been received that Nicolay Ignatievitch Kovtunenko, 37, Russian, residing at No. 228 Route Vallon, is suspected of being a Soviet Agent. He arrived in Shanghai a few months ago and on 11.3.35 registered with the local Public Safety Bureau as a Soviet citizen.

It is reported that in 1916 Kovtunenko graduated from the Vilno Military School for Officers and that he saw active service during the Great War. In 1919 or 1920 he appeared in Harbin. Two years later he became a Soviet citizen, following which he obtained employment with the Educational Department of the Chinese Eastern Railway. While in Harbin, he published a pro-Soviet magazine entitled "Youth". In 1928 Kovtunenko in partnership with Safariantz and K.I. Ziplenkoff-Slaviansky, Soviet citizens, bought over the "OZO" printing establishment (formerly owned by the Union of ex-Officers of Transamur Military District). It is reported that that enterprise was financed by the Far Eastern Bank (Dalbank) and that it printed text-books for Soviet Schools as well as stationery etc. for the Chinese Eastern Railway.

In Shanghai Kovtunenko posed as a White Russian. In February 1935 he made an unsuccessful attempt to join the Union of Former Cadets of the Vilno Military School. At the same time he was seen visiting the U.S.S.R. Consulate-General. On February 21, 1935, Kovtunenko was present at the Shanghai & Hongkew Lower Wharf at the time of departure for Vladivostok of the Soviet s.s. "Sever," on board which vessel his former partner and friend, Ziplenkoff-Slaviansky, was leaving for the U.S.S.R.

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The latter individual was a member of the Narodnoe Sobranie (People's Assembly) of the Maritime Province in 1920-22 when that province was under a "White" regime. During this period Ziplenkoff-Slaviansky claimed to be Chairman of the "All Russian Farmers' Union" and was suspected of being a Soviet agent. Later, in Harbin, he obtained a Soviet passport and was connected with the Soviet administration of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

Recently Kovtunenko was questioned by one of his friends regarding the nature of his connections with Ziplenkoff-Slaviansky. He admitted that he had been a Soviet citizen since 1922 and that he had the intention of returning to Soviet Russia, in connection with which matter he had visited the local Soviet Consulate on three occasions.

G. Tcheremshansky.
D. S.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch)